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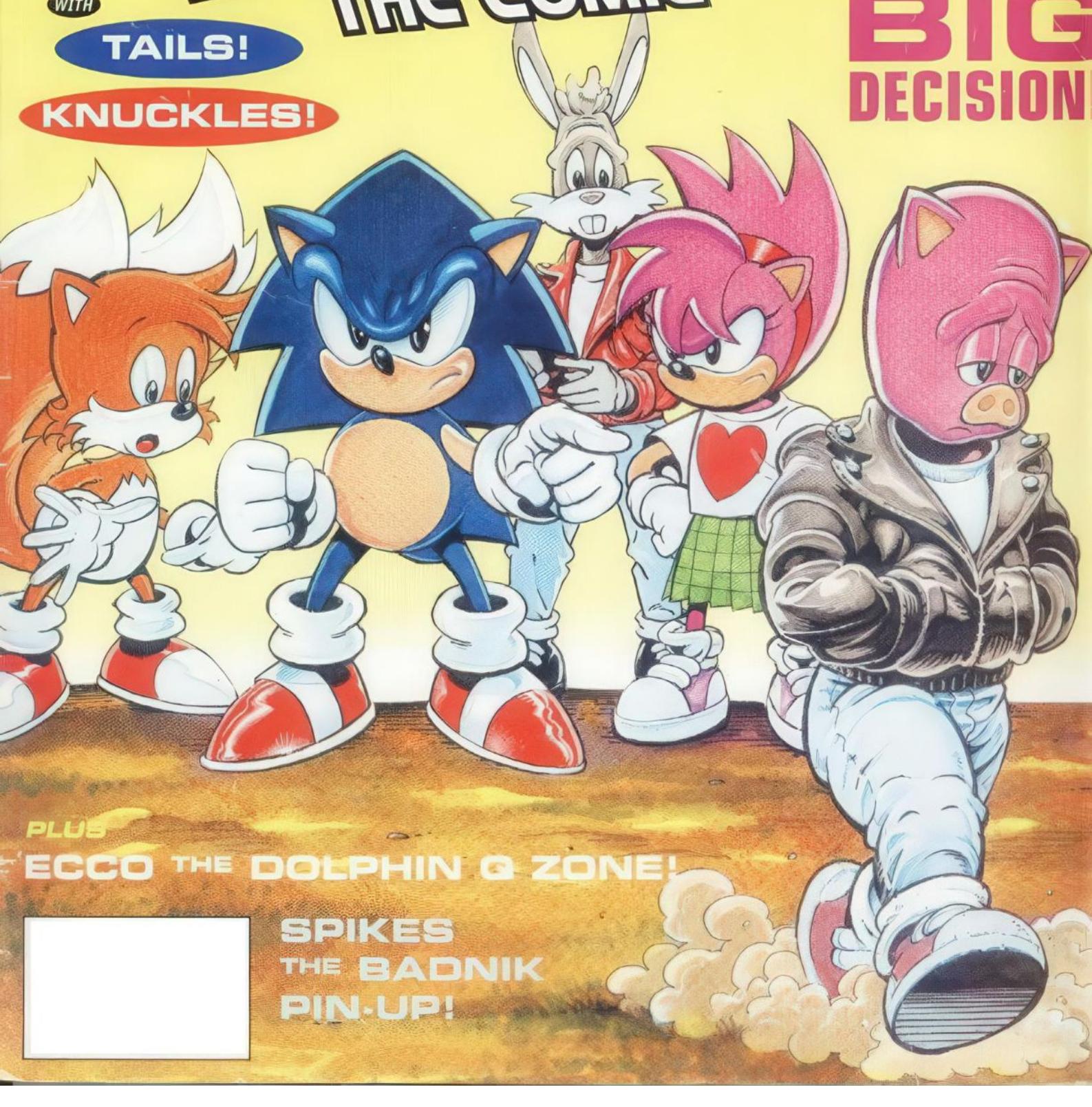
WITH

TAILS!

KNUCKLES!

COMPLETE
SONIC
STORY

PORKER
GETS THE
CHOP IN
THE
BIG
DECISION



PLUS

ECCO THE DOLPHIN Q ZONE!

SPIKES
THE BADNIK
PIN-UP!

ST GEORGE'S ZONE

What a talented bunch of Boomers you are. First you gave us the Green Zone for St Patrick's Day, now STC selects some eccentrically English tie-ins in time for St George's Day on 23 April.

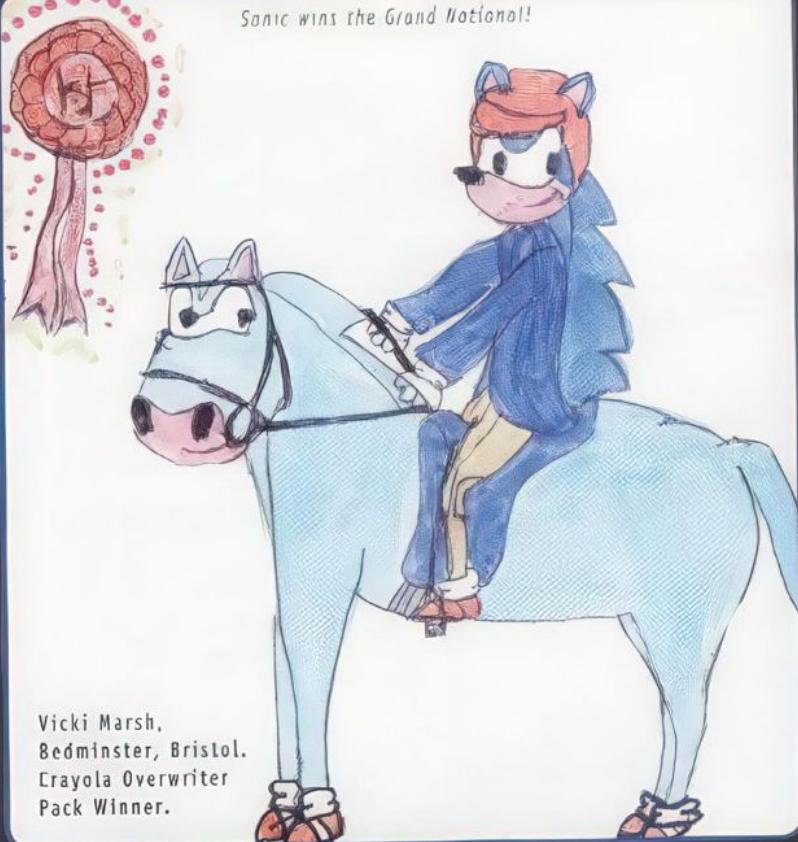
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Tails in shining armour!



Andrew Evans,
Batley, W Yorks.
Crayola Overwriter
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Sonic wins the Grand National!



Vicki Marsh,
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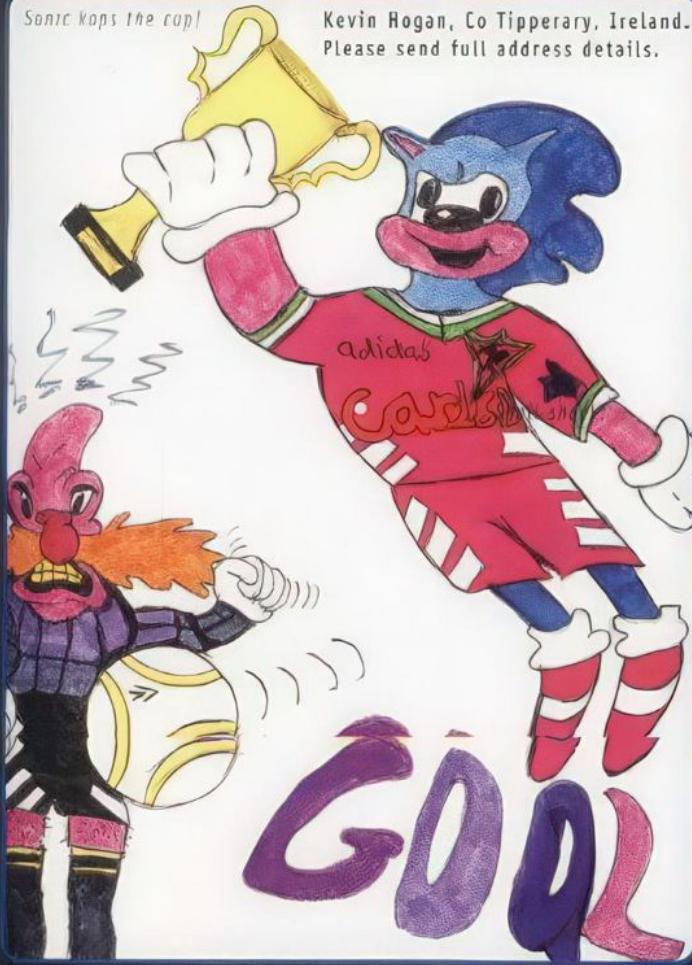
An Ec-king na's ronson!



Glen Porter,
N Ireland.
GG Owner.
Crayola
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Pack Winner.
Pack Winner.

Sonic Kops the cap!

Kevin Hogan, Co Tipperary, Ireland.
Please send full address details.



Robin Hog!



Dale Watson, Chesterfield.
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

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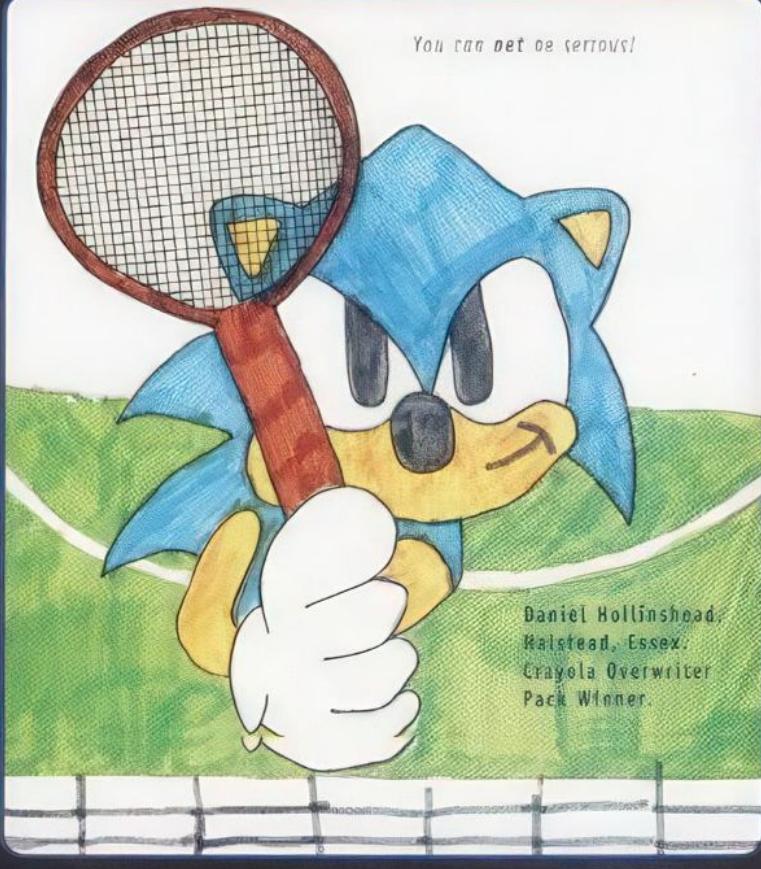
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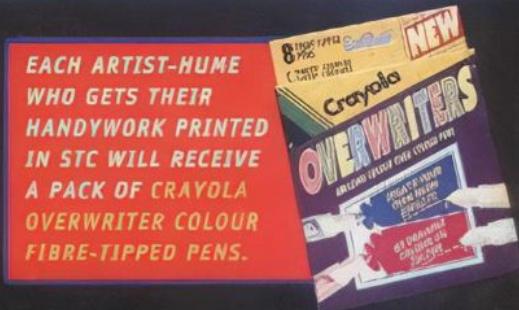
Daniel Hollinshead,
Halstead, Essex.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Will those sneakers be
allowed in the city?



Matthew Tovey,
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Liverpool.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

EACH ARTIST-HOME
WHO GETS THEIR
HANDYWORK PRINTED
IN STC WILL RECEIVE
A PACK OF CRAYOLA
OVERWRITER COLOUR
FIBRE-TIPPED PENS.



KNUCKLES™

The GHOST SHIP

Duel 3

Script: NOEL KITCHING
Art: MIGUEL DODBYN
Lettering: ELITTA FELL

CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S PLANS TO STEAL THE FANTARAGOR IDOL HAVE GONE BADLY WRONG.

NOW THE IDOL'S RIGHTFUL OWNERS HAVE RETURNED.

RESTORE TO US THE IDOL, OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!



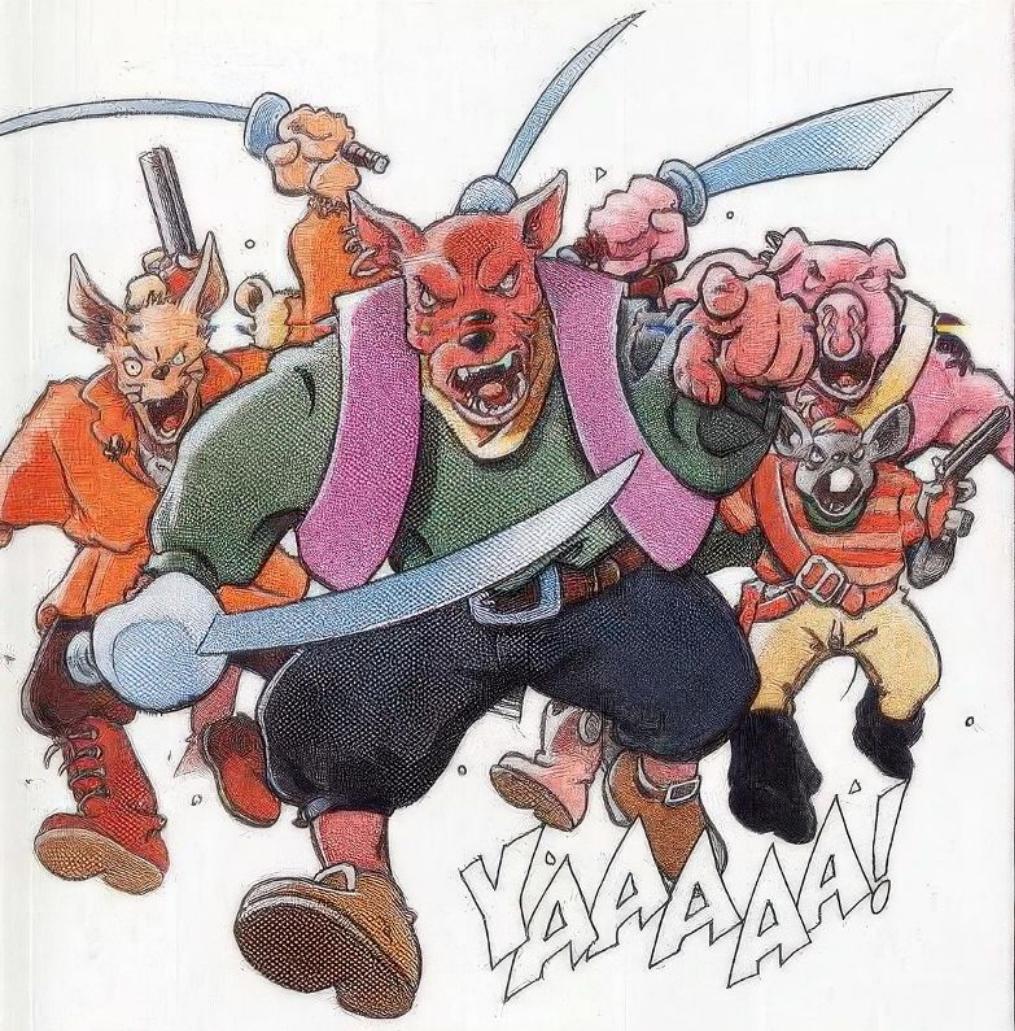
YOU SAID THIS GHOST SHIP WAS DESERTED, PLUNDER!

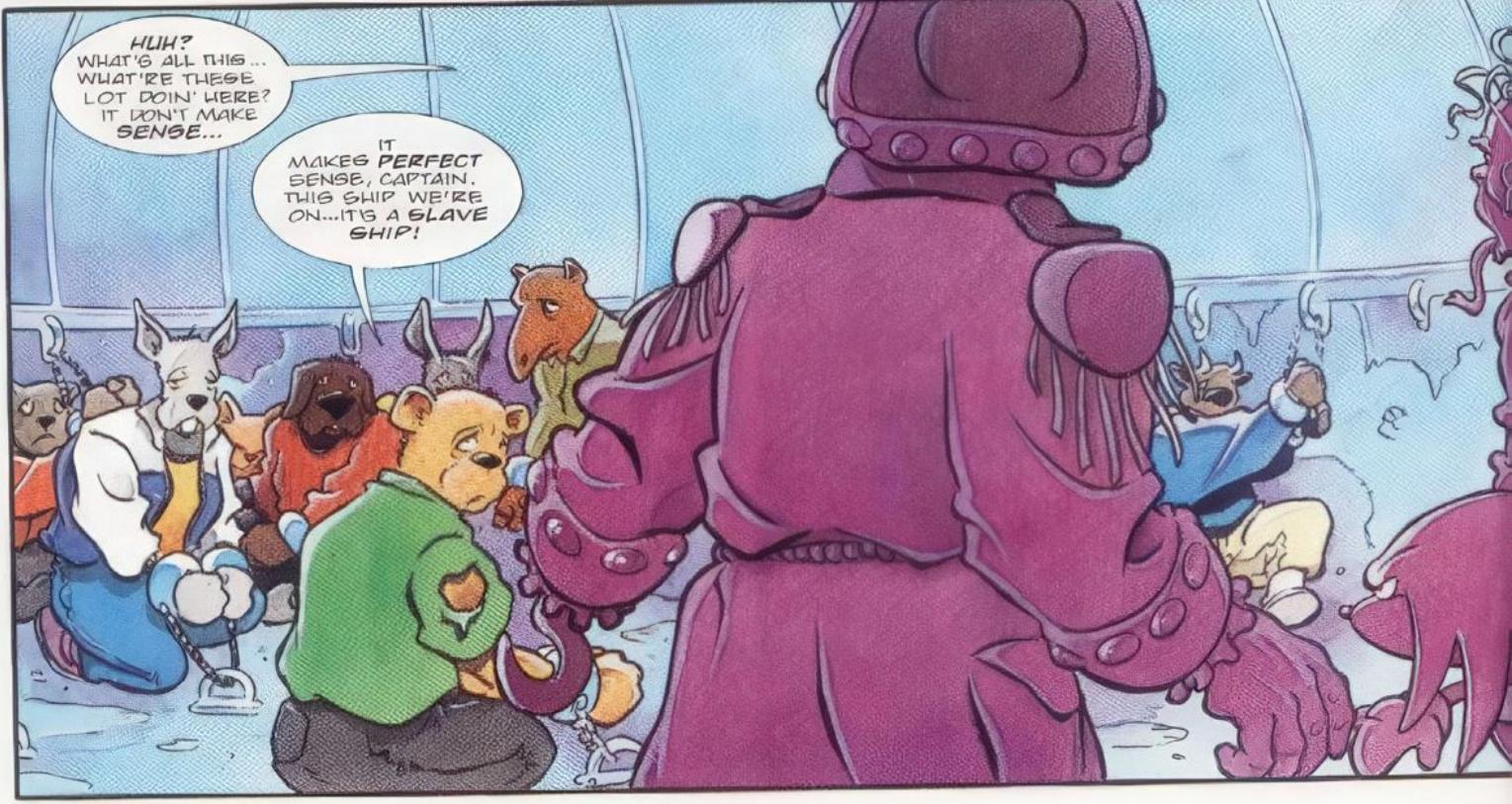
JUST WHAT HAVE YOU GOT US INTO, YOU STUPID PIRATE?



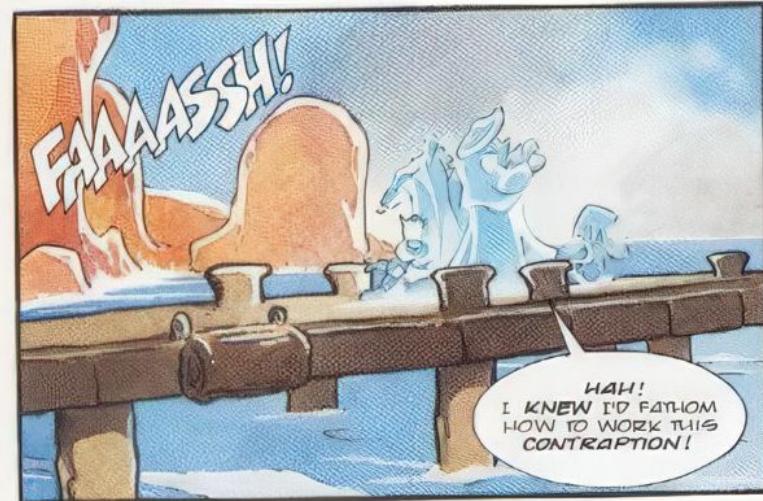
WE BE NOT BEATEN YET, NOT BY A LONG CHALK! GET THEM MATES!











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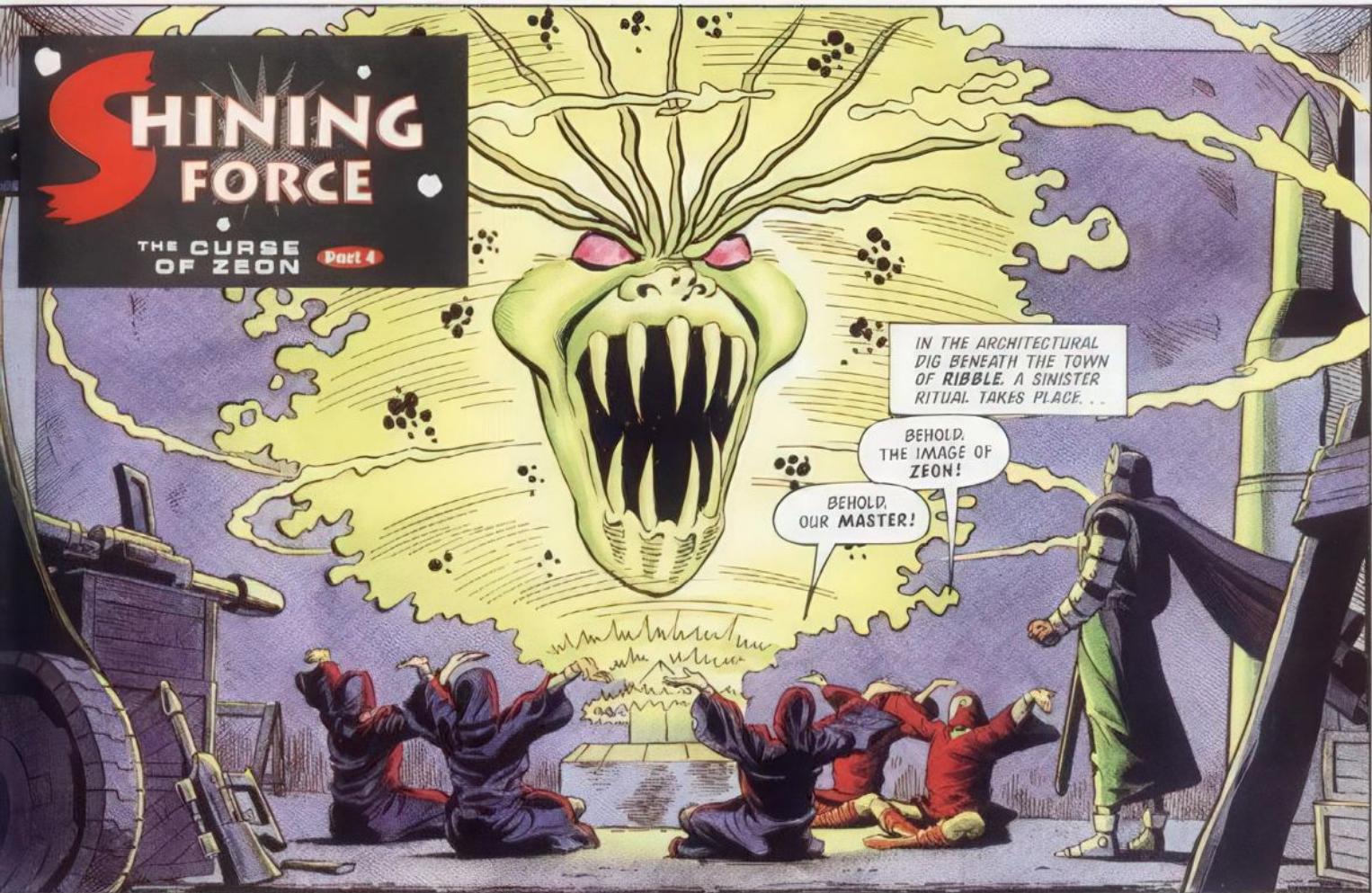
SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE
OF ZEON Part 4

IN THE ARCHITECTURAL DIG BENEATH THE TOWN OF RIBBLE, A SINISTER RITUAL TAKES PLACE...

BEHOLD,
THE IMAGE OF
ZEON!

BEHOLD,
OUR MASTER!



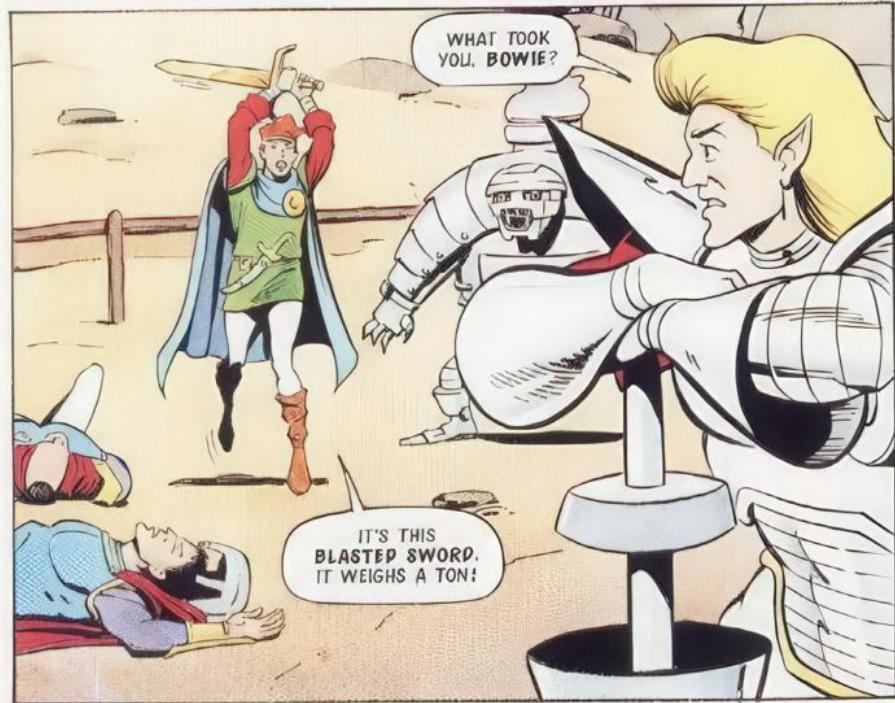
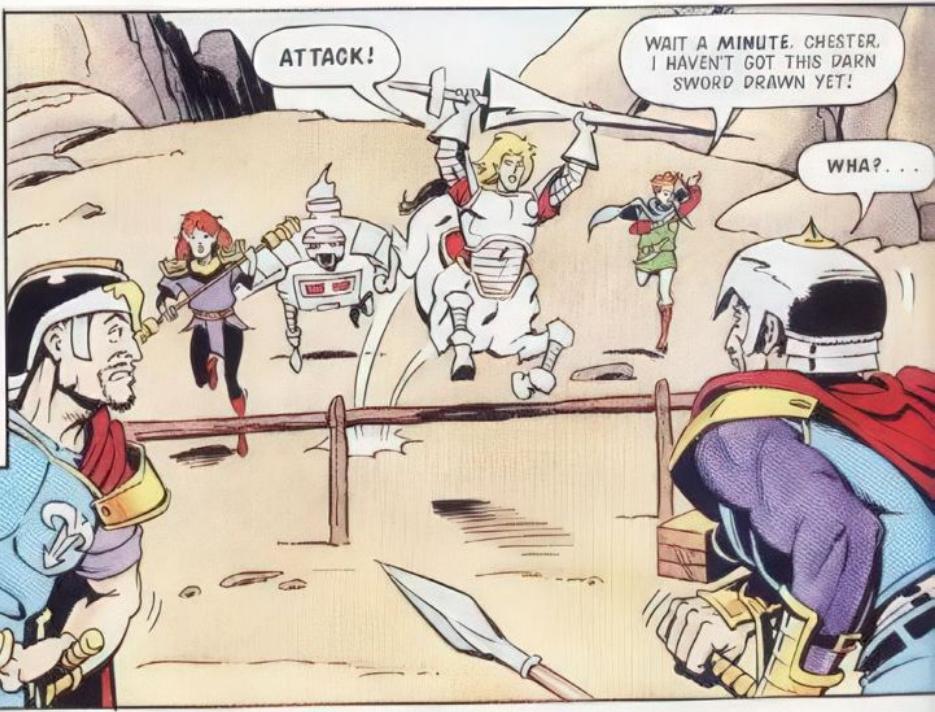
SOON I WILL BE FREE FROM MY NEVER-ENDING IMPRISONMENT IN THE ABYSS!

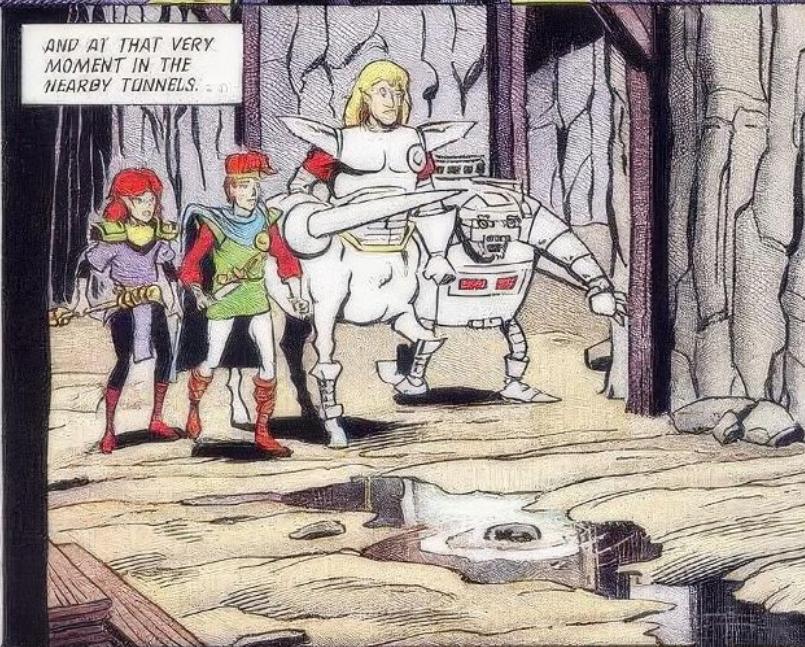
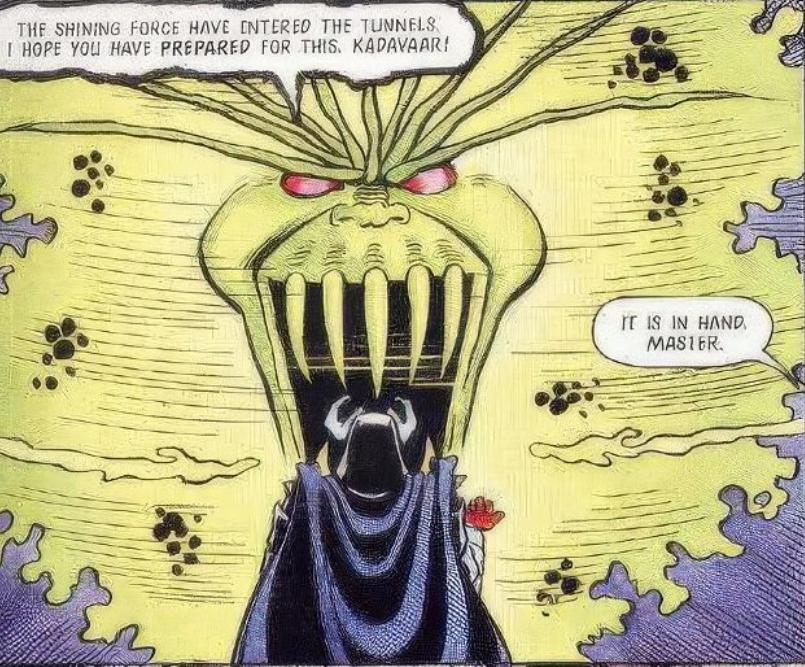
ONCE THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND IS DESTROYED, THE SEAL WHICH HOLDS ME HERE WILL BE BROKEN!

ONLY THESE POLIR KNOW ANYTHING OF OUR PLANS...

THE SHINING FORCE, GUIDED HERE BY THE ESCAPED ROBOT, ZYNK.







CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean my circuits aren't choked by what's happening on the front cover (I always said I was a *unique* droid). Can Porker really be taking his final faltering steps as a freedom fighter? You'll just have to read the Sonic story, *The Big Decision*, to find out. Listen up 'cos here's what else is happening this issue ...

Knuckles faces trouble aroy in the Ghost Ship! The Shining Force are up against more weird goings on as the Curse of Zeon continues, plus it's time for Tails to 'turn and burn' in part four of *Fox on the Run*. There's a Spikes Badnik Pin up for your walls and the Q Zone brings you hints and tips from the classic *Ecco the Dolphin* game.

No Boomer worth their weight in gold rings would pass up the next megaticious issue! STC 77 comes complete with **FREE** Button Covers (see the Next Issue page). Speaking of which, it's about time I bolted up, so see you all in two weeks!

Megaboomer

STREET CRED!

Back in issue 67, STC joined in the 35th Anniversary celebrations of the UK's best known street. The Coronation Street Crimbo Compo invited Boomers to name the Street's famous pub, which is of course, *The Rovers Return*.

The following 30 winners will each receive a much sought after Jack & Vera T-shirt (XL size only):-

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The following 15 winners will each receive a Street Talk tape:-

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Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everybody who entered.

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- 2 ● **SONIC & KNUCKLES**
- 3 ↑ **MICRO MACHINES '96**
- 4 ↓ **PREMIER MANAGER**
- 5 ● **MICKEY MANIA**
- 6 RE **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2**
- 7 ↓ **PGA TOUR GOLF '96**
- 8 ● **ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME**
- 9 ↓ **MICRO MACHINES 2**
- 10 RE **STREET RACER**

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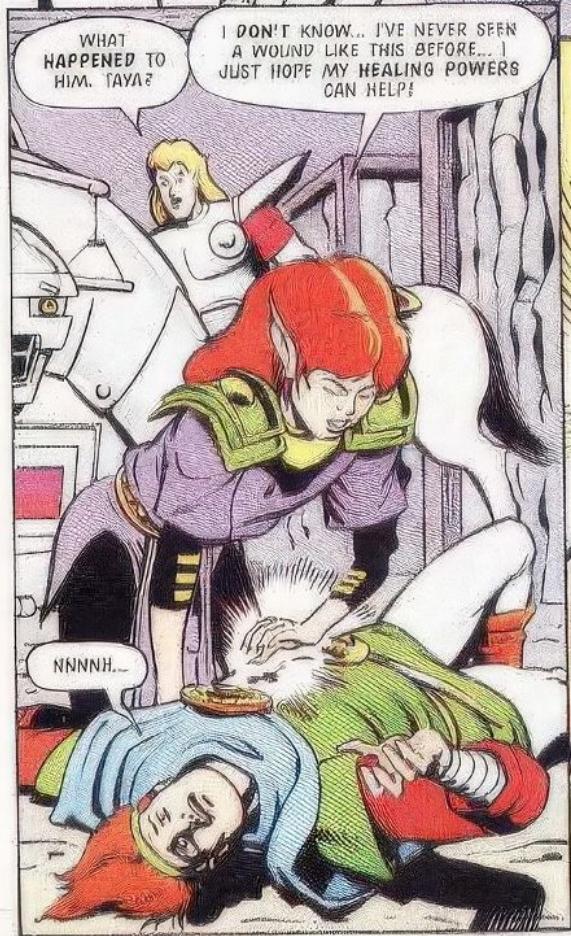
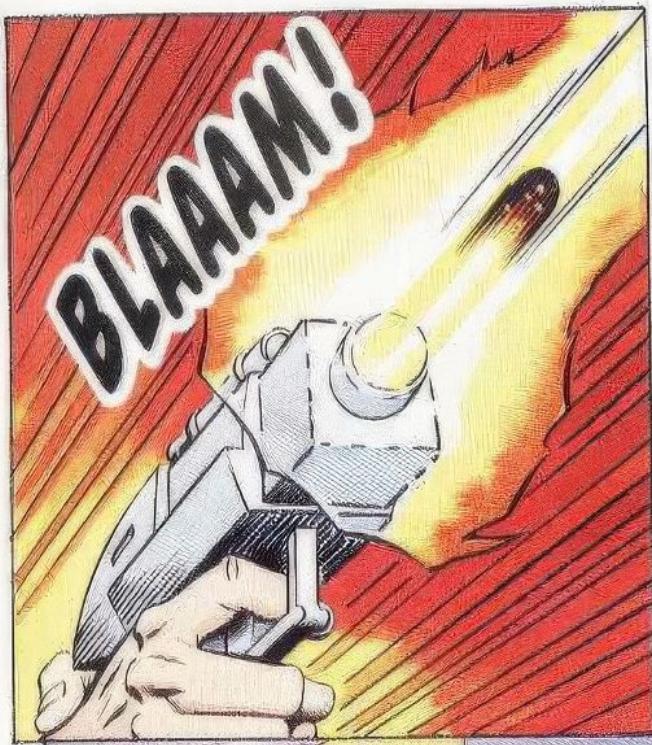
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- 2 ↑ **SOULSTAR**
- 3 ↓ **B.C. RACERS**
- 4 ↑ **BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY**
- 5 ↓ **WORLD CUP USA '94**
- 6 RE **ROAD AVENGER**
- 7 RE **SNATCHER**
- 8 RE **THUNDERHAWK**
- 9 ↓ **LETHAL ENFORCERS**
- 10 ↓ **ETERNAL CHAMPIONS**

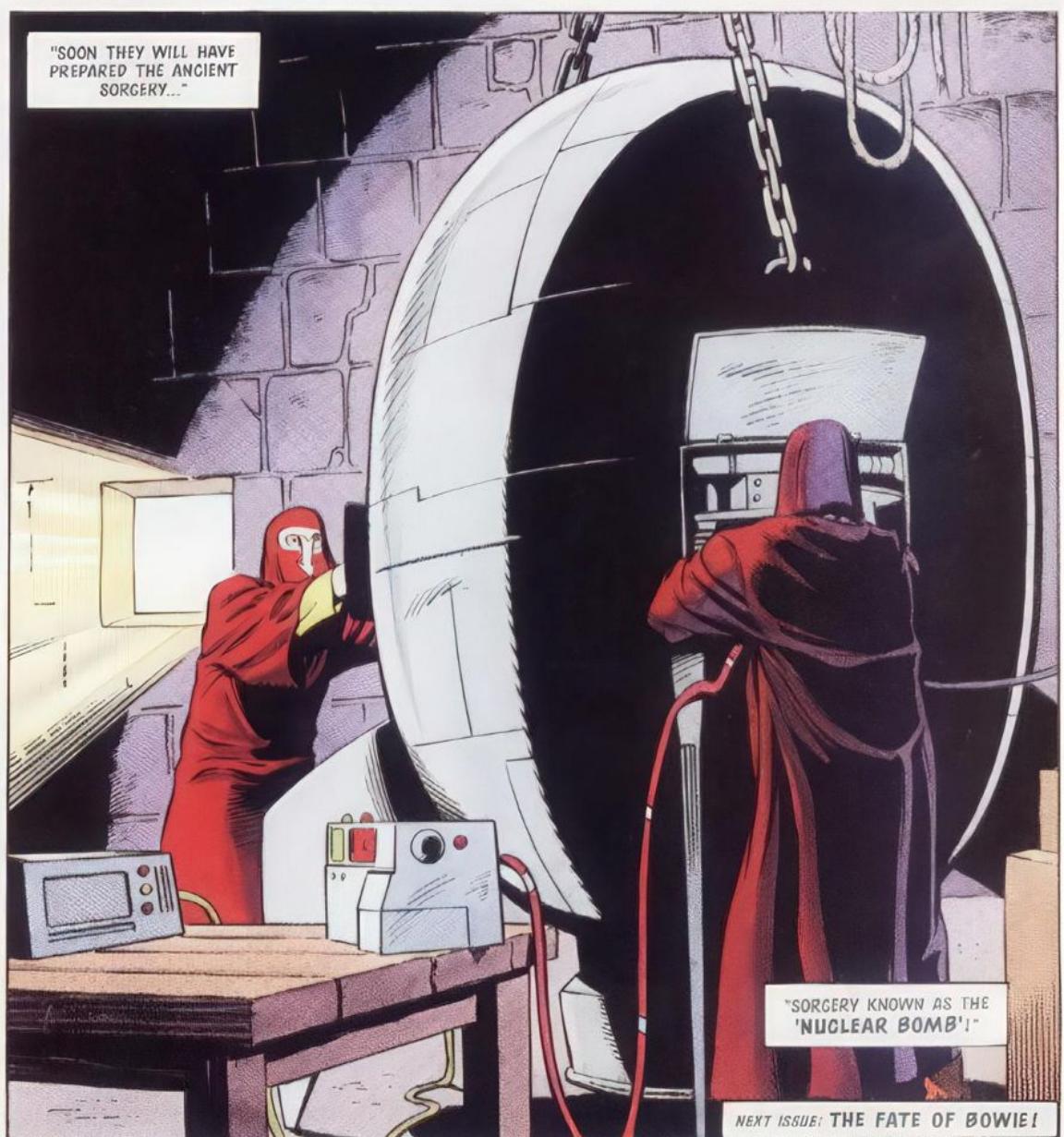
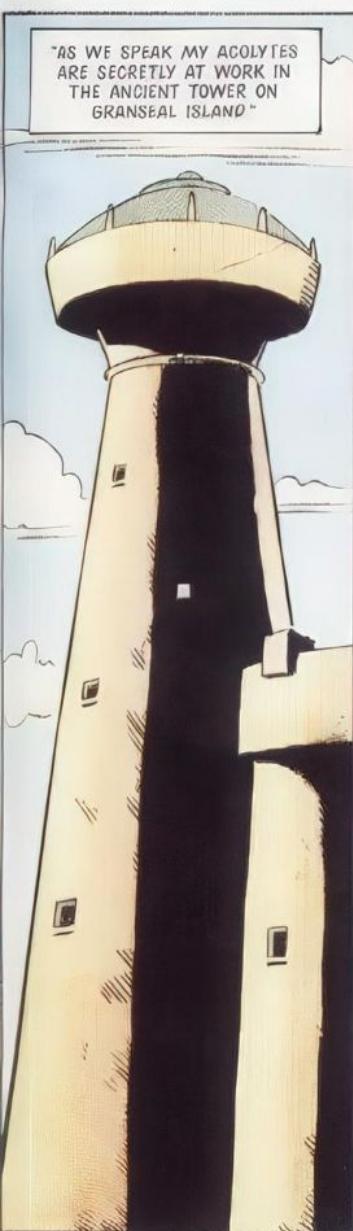
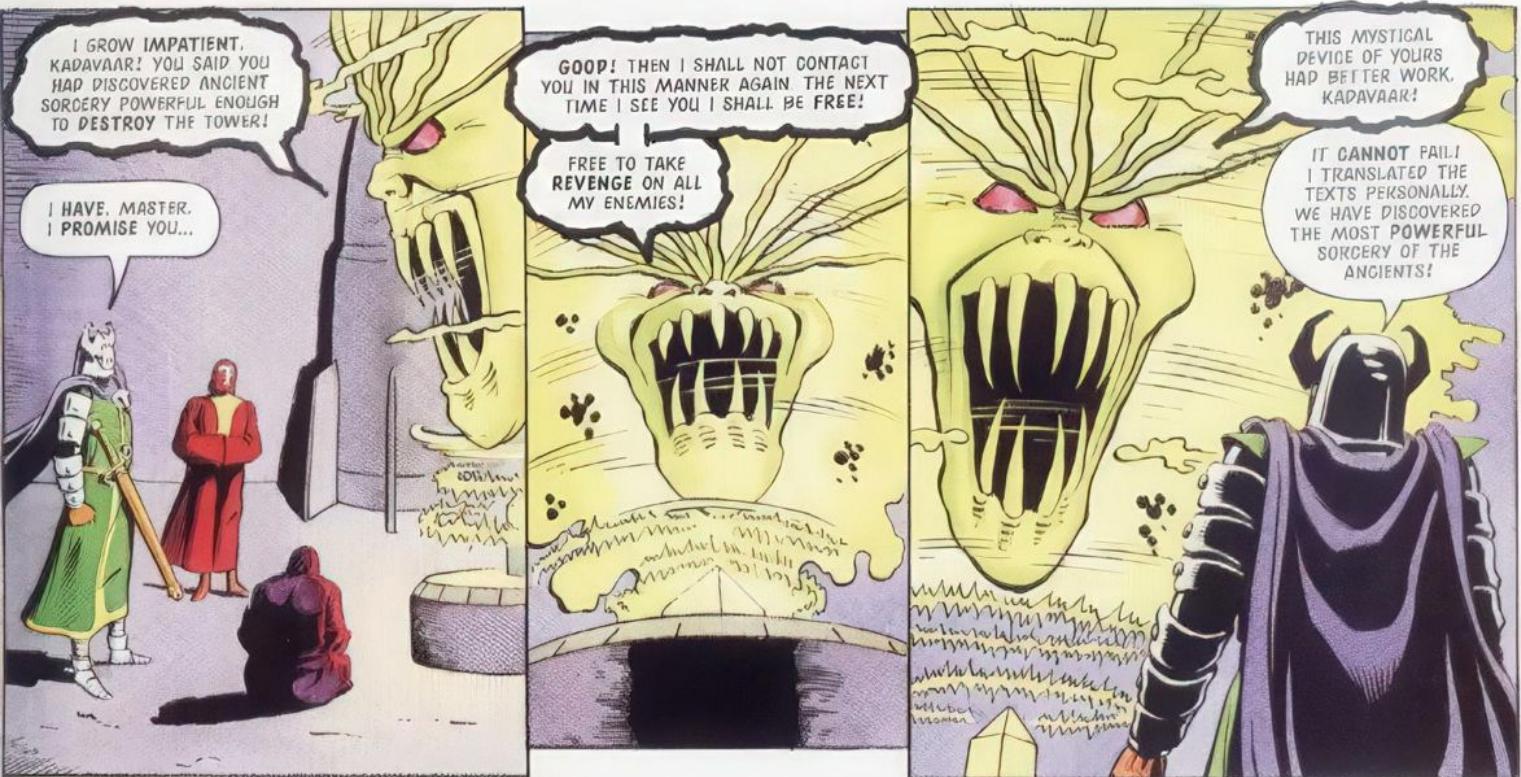
MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ● **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2**
- 2 ● **STREETS OF RAGE**
- 3 RE **ECCO THE DOLPHIN**
- 4 NEW **MASTER OF DARKNESS**
- 5 ↓ **ASTERIX & THE SECRET MISSION**
- 6 ↑ **OTTIFANT**
- 7 ↓ **JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD**
- 8 ↑ **DESERT SPEED TRAP**
- 9 RE **DESERT STRIKE**
- 10 ↓ **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

GAME GEAR

- 1 ● **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2**
- 2 ● **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**
- 3 RE **THE LION KING**
- 4 ↑ **TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS**
- 5 RE **MORTAL KOMBAT 2**
- 6 ↓ **CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS**
- 7 RE **SONIC CHAOS**
- 8 ● **SONIC DRIFT RACING**
- 9 RE **MICRO MACHINES 2**
- 10 NEW **PRIMAL RAGE**





TAILS IS ESCORTING TANTRUM THE MOUSE BACK TO HIS HOME IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED FLEABYTE...

TAILS!

FOX ON THE RUN

Script:
LEW STRINGER
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DARL ELKIE
Colours:
JOHN M BURNS
Lettering:
STEVE DODD

Panel 4

YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL
FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD
FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
'SPECIALLY YOU, FOX!
HYUK.

YEAH!
YOU'RE EXPECTING
ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR
HIS DEBTS THEN,
FLEABYTE?



C'MON!
ANOTHER FEW
MILES AN' I CAN HAND
YUH IN FER A FAT
REWARD! HYUK,
HYUK!

IF
YOU WERE A
PROPER BOUNTY
HUNTER YOU'D HAVE
A HORSE! OW!
OUCH!

CRACK!

SHUT
YUH SQUEAKIN'
RODENT! I'LL BUY LOTS
OF HORSES WHEN AH GETS
THE MONEY FER YOU
TWO! HYUK!

NOW'S MY
CHANCE!

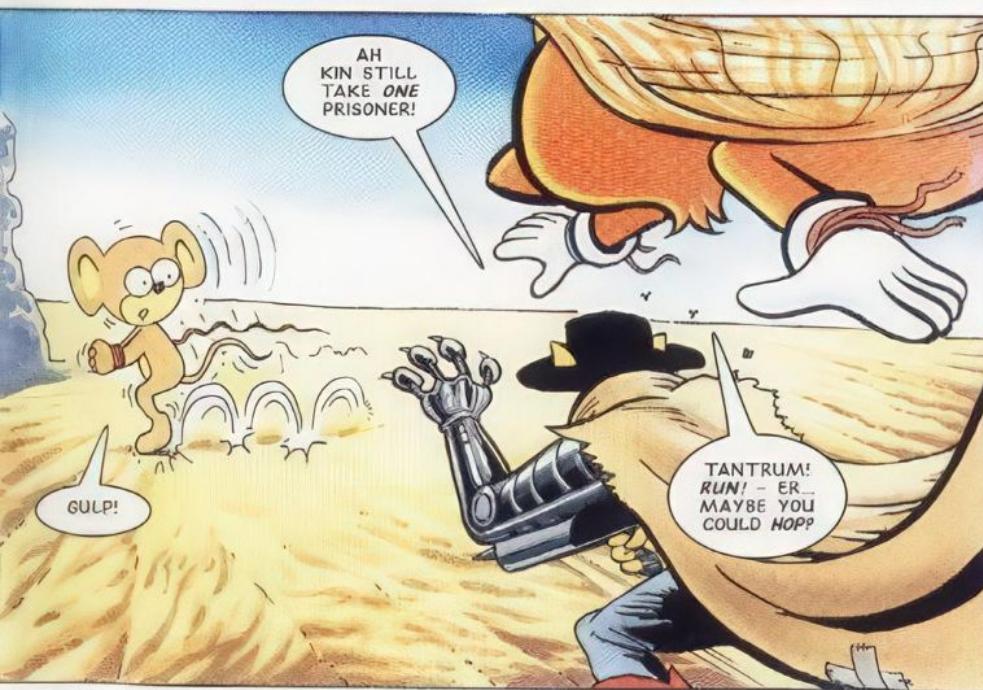
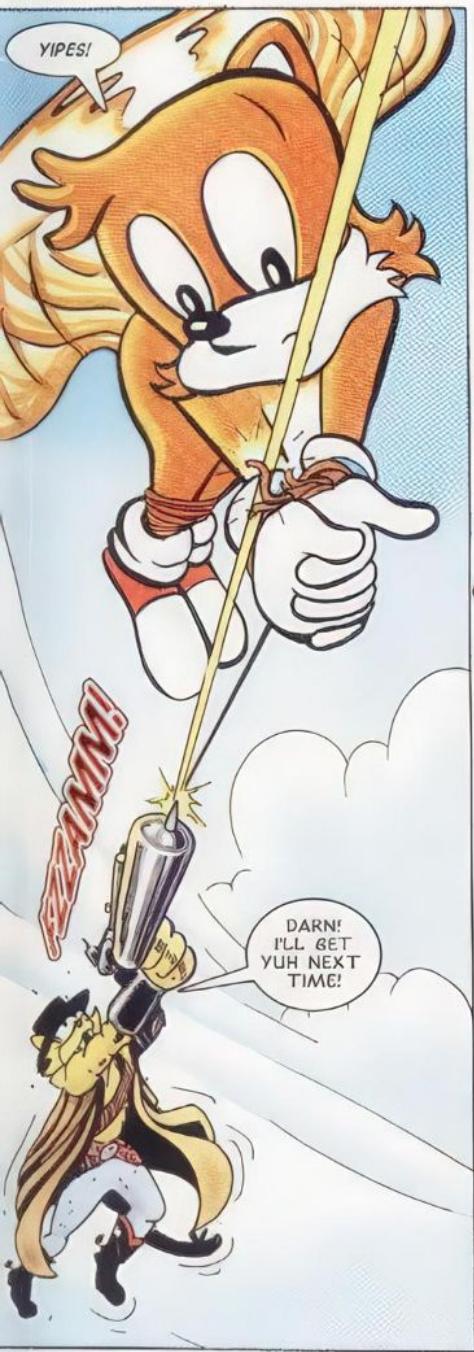
YOU
MAY HAVE TIED
MY ARMS AND LEGS,
BUT YOU FORGOT
ABOUT MY TAILS,
DUMBO!

WHU-?
COME BACK
HERE, FOX!

LET'S SEE
HOW YOU LIKE BEING
PULLED ALONG,
FLEABYTE!

DARN
VARMINT! I'LL
BLAST YUH
OUTTA THE
SKY!

WHOOAA!



D-
DON'T DO
ANYTHING HASTY,
FLEABYTE!

HYUK,
HYUK! SURRENDER,
OUTLAW, OR AH'M
PULLIN' THE
TRIGGER!

TANTRUM,
REMEMBER HOW
YOU USED TO SCREAM
WHEN YOU WERE IN
TROUBLE? THAT
MIGHT HELP US
RIGHT NOW!

IF I
HADN'T BEEN SO
SELFISH, I WOULDN'T
HAVE GOT US INTO THIS!
GO, TAILS... SAVE
YOURSELF!

I'M
NOT LEAVING
NOW, LITTLE
BUDDY!

DON'T GET IT,
TAILS, BUT HERE
GOES!

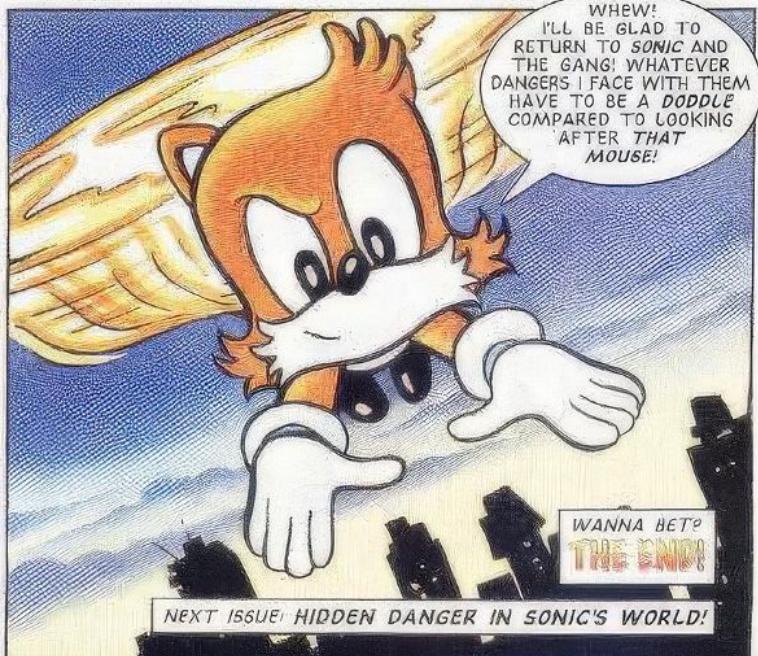
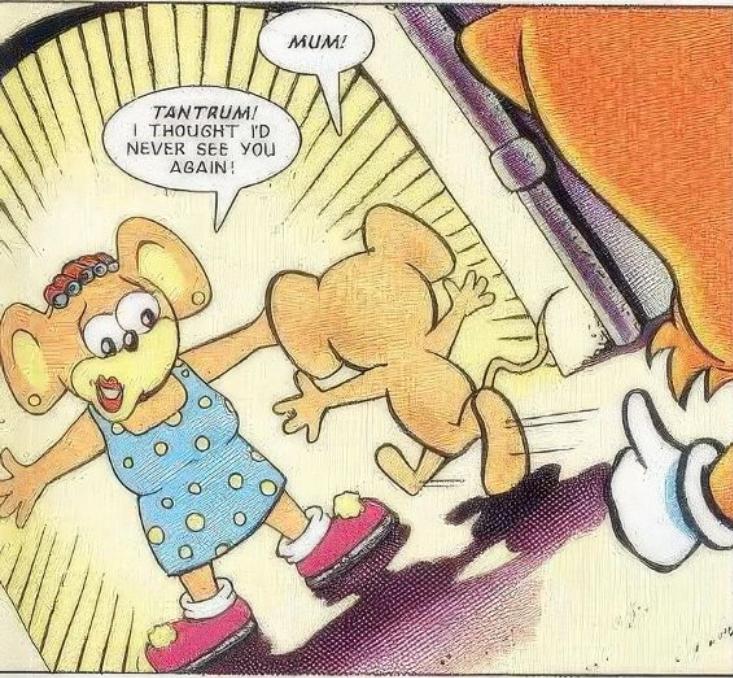
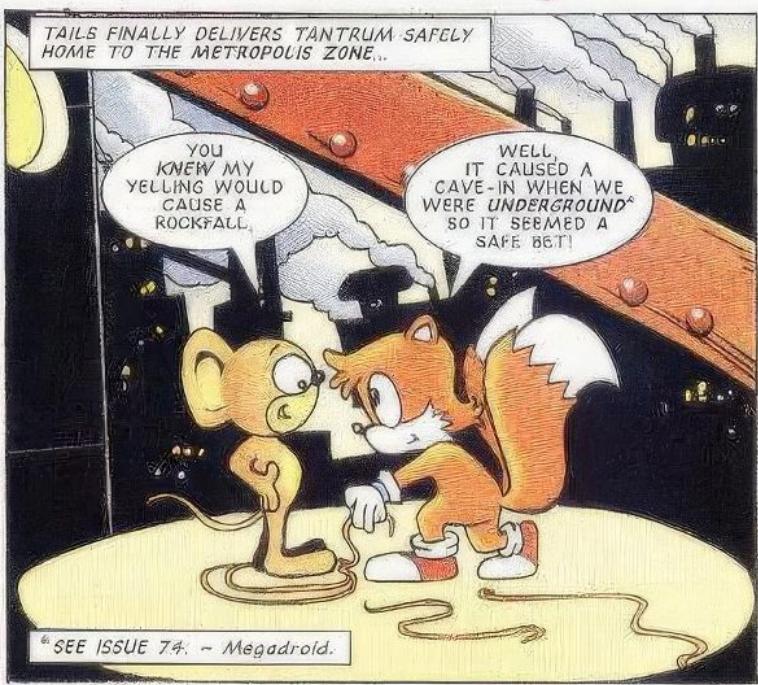
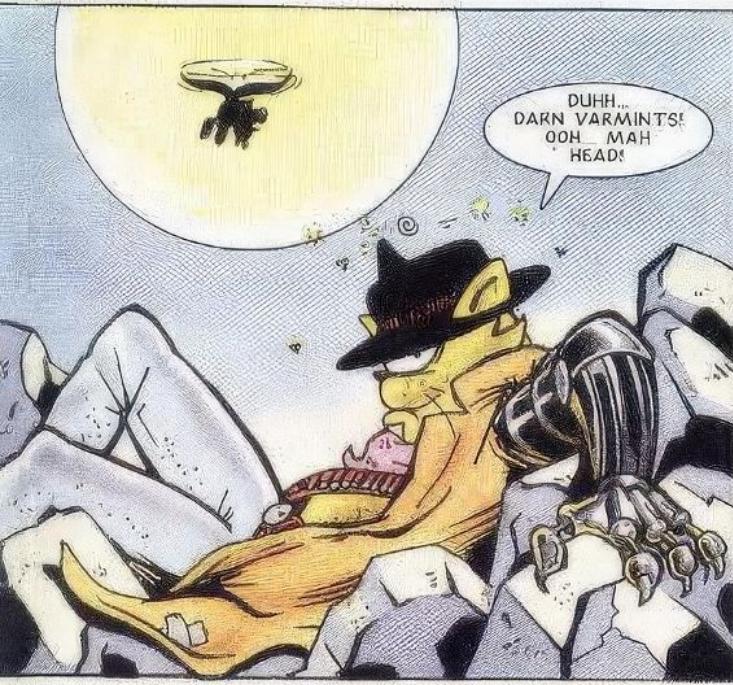
STOP
YUH WAILIN' YUH
- WUSSAT?

RRUMBLE!

YUH
PESKY RODENT!
YUH WAILIN' CAUSED
A ROCKFALL!
UGGH!

LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
TANTRUM!

RRUMBLE!





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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

The pressure's
too much
for Porker!



Yvonne Waddell, Glasgow, Scotland.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

DOG GONE!

Dear Megadroid,

STC 72's scratch 'n' sniff sticker was terrible! My dog took one whiff and ran off faster than Sonic and Knuckles put together!

Karl Jones, Gwynedd, Wales.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

In this case, Karl, I'm glad I only have a sense of humour, and not a sense of smell!

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TIGHT FISTED KNUCKLES!

Dear Megadroid,

Please could you tell me Knuckles' surname, age and birthplace as I am the tax collector for the Floating Island, and it seems to me that he needs to pay his bills!

 The Tax Inspector (Adam Hodgson),
Twickenham, Middlesex.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Not even an echidna
escapes paying tax, eh?

GRUESOME TWOSOME!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like Sega to make a fighting game starring Porker and Johnny as I think they're both under used. They could both use big poles as their weapons.

Jason Francis, Clacton-on-Sea,
Essex.

GG, MD & MS owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Don't you think they're
given enough stick
already, Jason!

Sonic rests
his legs and
lets Ecco
take the
strain!



Amy Ellis, Halifax, W Yorks.
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GG MCD MD

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!

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2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 76



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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

The Big Decision

COMPLETE
STORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

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IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE
EDGE OF THE METROPOLIS
ZONE CITY...

WHAT?



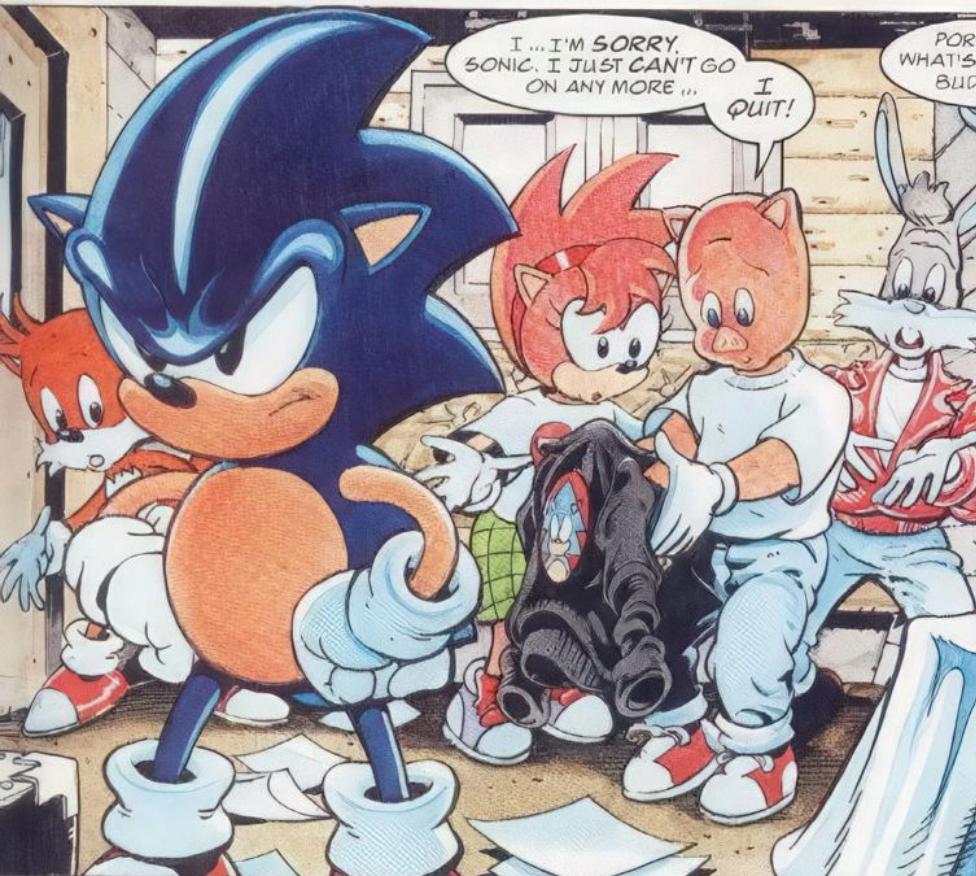
I ... I'M SORRY,
SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO
ON ANY MORE ...

I
QUIT!

PORKER
WHAT'S WRONG
BUDDY?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
LEWIS?

WE'RE BATTLING
AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR
THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET
MOBIUS ... THIS ISN'T SOME
SORT OF GAME!



I ... I'M
SORRY... REALLY,
I AM!
BEING
HELD CAPTIVE BY
THE BROTHERHOOD OF
METALLIX FOR A MONTH⁴
WAS JUST TOO MUCH
FOR ME!

SEE STC #68 - MEGADROID





